

Today, Rep. Braley passed an amendment to add renewable fuel pipelines to the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

Washington, DC - During a markup hearing today, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed an amendment introduced by Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) to add renewable fuel pipelines to the list of projects eligible for the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program. The amendment is similar to the Renewable Fuel Pipeline Act, which Braley introduced with Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa) and Rep. Lee Terry (R-Nebraska) earlier this year. The amendment passed by voice vote.

"My amendment will help create jobs while providing a boost to the renewable fuels industry," Braley said. "Transporting renewable fuels by pipeline is the most energy efficient way to move Iowa biofuels across the country. By allowing federal funding for renewable fuel pipelines we can ensure that all areas of the country have access to clean, renewable fuels."

Braley's amendment will open up additional federal funding for the construction of renewable fuel pipelines. Pipelines provide safe, cost effective transportation for biofuels while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. Transporting biofuels by pipeline requires less energy than transportation by rail, barge or truck.